



City Council

August 15, 2023
Packet Addendum #1

From: [Tiffany Boyd](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please approve Louisville's internal decarbonization plan
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 3:51:04 PM

Dear Louisville City Council Members,

My name is Tiffany Boyd and I live at 550 Grant Ave. and I serve on our Sustainability Advisory Board. I am writing to encourage you to vote YES on the internal decarbonization plan for our city.

First of all, thank you so much for serving our community at this important time. The decisions you make now will lay the foundation for the health and resilience of our community as we do our part to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

Thanks to the work of Kayla Betzold, Hannah Miller, our Sustainability Division, and the McKinstry Group, we have a pathway and timeline for decarbonizing our city facilities. Most importantly, this plan will require a robust system of accountability, and the funding mechanisms to make these plans a reality.

In order to obtain the needed ongoing funding which is available from the Inflation Reduction Act and other sources, our town has to invest in this plan with our city dollars. We need money to secure the matching funds in order to get more money. Decarbonization takes a lot of money.

Our community is grateful for our city leadership for approving capital improvement projects that will help us reach our goals. Louisville is working side by side with state and county stakeholders to systematically work to achieve net zero carbon emissions. Embedding this internal decarbonization into the new comprehensive plan will support this vital work that impacts everyone in our community.

Right now, Louisville purchases a lot of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECS) with Xcel, and RECS are expensive. However, until Louisville electrifies, we don't have the opportunity to stop using RECS and move towards our own clean energy.

Fighting climate change is an act of following the science in order to secure a healthier future for our children and their children. Approving this decarbonization plan does both.

Thanks again for serving our community!

Tiffany Boyd, LSAB member
550 Grant Ave.
Louisville

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [Shira Nathan](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: McKinstry Engineering Decarbonization Plan
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:21:52 PM

Dear Council,

My name is Shira Nathan, I am 17 years old and a senior at Centaurus High School.

I am writing to you in support of the decarbonization plan proposed by McKinstry Engineering that would sharply reduce the City's carbon emissions. Such a reduction is not only a smart move for the future of Louisville, but also a highly necessary one.

As a young person, the Climate Crisis weighs heavily on my mental health and lived experience. I frequently worry about the state of my future and that of my generation, and those who will follow us. The agreed upon timeline to prevent irrevocably catastrophic climate changes is less than 7 years, according to the International Panel on Climate Change.

While the actions taken by the City of Louisville will likely not turn the tide of the global climate crisis, we have the ability to make a meaningful impact - especially if we take larger, legislative action such as the adoption of the proposed decarbonization plan. Furthermore, taking such action signals to the young people of Louisville, some of whom are nearly of voting age, that their concerns are taken seriously by their representatives and their voices are valued.

I agree with the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board that this decarbonization plan is the most important sustainability initiative the City can undertake. Although it may seem a more extreme measure than say, the bag tax passed in 2022, in reality, it is only through measures such as this that irreversible and deadly climate change can be mitigated. Time is absolutely of the essence, and this plan would provide a significant and worthwhile reduction in carbon emissions.

Finally, the switch to clean energy is one of, if not the singular most important thing the City could be focused on currently. While funding is a potentially valid concern, failing to decarbonize now will cost the city astronomically more down the line, both in terms of economic and human costs. Electrifying the City provides an avenue to renewable energy usage, which is sustainable environmentally and economically. When costs and benefits are properly weighed, the decision becomes quite simple.

For the future of Louisville, and that of my generation, I implore you to pass this plan and continue moving the world toward a liveable planet.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shira Nathan

Senior at Centaurus High School

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [Suzanne Plaut](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: In support of decarbonization plan
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 12:17:07 PM

Dear members of the Louisville City Council,

Thank you so much for your dedicated public service.

I am writing to strongly urge the City Council to approve and quickly move to implementing the proposed decarbonization plan for Louisville government buildings.

I am a parent of two teens who worry daily about their futures. It is crucial that they see their parents advocating, and that they see adults in positions of formal leadership (like yourselves) doing everything in your power to move us toward a clean energy future.

We know that a swift and bold transition to clean energy is imperative to avert the worst effects of the climate crisis. It is imperative that the Louisville government move to decarbonize.

This decision is the single most important the city can take to reduce greenhouse gases. It also serves as a model and inspiration for Louisville to then push and support local citizens to decarbonize residences and other community spaces. Plus, it positions Louisville as a regional leader, inspiring other local municipalities to take action.

We know this decarbonization plan will be both costly and complex. But as we saw with the Marshall Fire, the medium and long-term costs of recovering from disasters exacerbated by human-caused climate change are far higher than the short-term cost of pivoting to clean energy.

The Marshall Fire woke the Boulder region up to the dire risks we face. Louisville City Council can lead the charge showing us all how to harness our terror and despair into constructive action.

Thank you for your service, and for moving forward decisively with this decarbonization plan.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Plaut

--
Suzanne Plaut (she/her)
303.868.3787
yourclaritycoach.com
[LinkedIn](#)

Boulder County sits upon the unceded territory of Hinóno'ëi (Arapaho), Nuutsiu (Ute), and Tsitsistas (Cheyenne) Nations, and is home to many Native Peoples today.

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

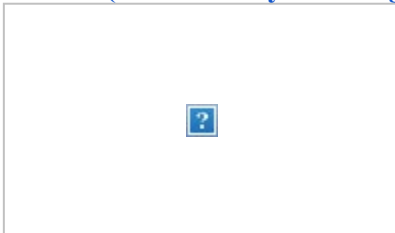
This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [ECHO Coalition](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Decarbonization plan to be considered at next week's council meeting
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023 4:43:34 PM

When greenhouse gas emissions are considered, communities frequently consider electrification and energy efficiency but often forget that the built environment contributes to, or can reduce carbon. I urge you to consider this in your plan, or amend it to include it.

Low density developments produce nearly 4 times the greenhouse gasses as denser developments. Single family homes use 2 times as much energy as multi-family environments. Structuring a community so that residents do not have to rely on automobiles for all their trips can reduce vehicle miles traveled by up to 40%. The Colorado Energy Office has produced several reports that reveal we are not on track to reduce auto-related emissions because we continue to build single family residential development which makes walking, biking and bussing harder. Please consider the potential that new styles of community development can have on greenhouse gas emissions and include that in your decarbonization plan. Business as usual is not going to cut it. Our planet is at stake. Do not ignore this important sector as you develop this plan. Mixed use developments attract young people, which Louisville needs. Thank you. Annmarie Jensen

[ECHO \(East County Housing Opportunity\) Coalition](#)



Sign-Up for [ECHO's Monthly Newsletter](#)

echobouldercounty@gmail.com

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [RJ Harrington](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please Adopt Resolution #48, Series 2023
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:11:57 AM

Dear Council,

The Harrington family understands that eliminating CO₂e, CH₄, etc, GHG emissions are critical to preserving a habitable biosphere for this and every generation.

Thank you for spending our tax dollars to develop the Internal Decarbonization Plan. Today, you must adopt it and commit future tax dollars to implementing it effectively.

Sincerely,
Your Neighbors

RJ Harrington, Jr.
457 E Raintree Ct
Louisville 80027

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [Katie Doyle Myers](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please approve Louisville's internal decarbonization plan
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 5:12:55 PM

Dear Louisville City Council Members,
My name is Katie Doyle Myers and I live at 425 Grouse Court. I am writing to encourage you to vote YES on the internal decarbonization plan for our city.

Thanks to all of you for your service on the council; I know that you are as concerned as everyone about taking adequate climate action at this time. I know you are aware that the decisions we make now are so critical for the health and resilience of our community, and that Louisville has a great opportunity to be a leader in reducing our carbon footprint.

I am familiar with the work of the Sustainability Division of the city and the work of the McKinstry Group to establish a plan for decarbonizing our municipal facilities, and recognize that that approving it is the first step in meeting our city's goals...and those that are necessary to ensure a sustainable and healthy future for wider community. I would love to be able to point to tangible projects in our community that are putting climate solutions into action, what an incredible way to be able to "walk our talk," teach our children, and model effective decarbonization. Thank you for voting YES tomorrow evening on the internal decarbonization plan for the City of Louisville.

Sincerely,
Katie Doyle Myers

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [Anna Carlson](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Support for Louisville's Internal Decarbonization Plan
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 4:02:43 PM

Dear city council members,

My name is Anna Carlson and I am a Louisville resident and graduated senior from Centaurus high school. I am writing to you today in support of the proposed decarbonization plan from McKinstry Engineering.

As a young adult who has grown up in downtown Louisville all my life, I've become excited by the city's capacity to enact environmental and sustainable legislation such as the bag tax. But I also know that little improvements over time are not enough to make a visible change to our current climate crisis. We need larger, more tangible solutions to improve our city's carbon footprint and make a positive impact on the global situation.

The city has an opportunity to internally fund a decarbonization plan that supports a realistic switch to clean energy and zero carbon emissions. I agree with the Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board that this plan is of uttermost importance and will also help the city become stronger in its own solar energy generation instead of just relying on Xcel Energy's external efforts.

Municipal decarbonization is not only crucial to mitigating the climate crisis but also has economic and health benefits for city residents long term. I want to see city dollars being delegated towards this solution, as an ongoing commitment to the city's support of lowering emissions and implementation of environmental solutions in the next 7-10 years.

Thank you for listening to the LSAB requests and for considering the McKinstry decarbonization plan in support of a stronger, more resilient future for my beloved hometown.

Sincerely,

Anna Carlson

929 LaFarge Avenue

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.

From: [Jojo Follmar](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Please approve the city's internal decarbonization plan
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 11:19:35 AM

Dear Louisville City Council members,

My name is Jojo Follmar and I am a Ward 1 resident. I am writing on behalf of myself, and not on behalf of OSAB, to encourage you to approve the internal decarbonization plan.

Thank you so much for considering this plan and for continuously recognizing the need to take steps to reduce our city's carbon emissions. It is so important for Louisville to be a leader in decarbonization efforts for the future of our city and the world.

The sooner we start decarbonizing the city, we'll contribute less to climate change and also save a lot of money in the long run. Thus, it is essential to approve this plan now and not in five or ten years. This plan also gives direction for the city to follow, so we will be able to reach our goal of decarbonization in a more efficient and organized manner. Accountability and sufficient funding for the plan are also essential to ensuring that the city decarbonizes in time. Additionally, once the city decarbonizes, we will have better resources, knowledge, and ability to help citizens of the city do the same.

Thank you for reading my letter and for serving our community!
Jojo Follmar

==CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL==

This email originated from outside the City of Louisville's email environment. Do not click links or open attachments unless you validate the sender and know the content is safe. Please contact IT if you believe this email is suspicious.